



INVENTORSHIP DECLARATION BY SOLE INVENTOR

I HEREBY DECLARE THAT:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are stated next to my name in PART A hereof.

I believe I am the original and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "VACUUM PACKAGING APPLIANCE WITH REMOVABLE TROUGH", bearing Serial No. 10/789,451, filed on February 26, 2004.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56, including, for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of Provisional Patent Application No. 60/450,528 and Provisional Application No. 60/450,295, both filed February 27, 2003.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon. I understand that the execution of this document does not in itself establish an attorney-client relationship between the undersigned and Perkins Coie, LLP, or any of its attorneys.

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PART A: INVENTOR INFORMATION AND SIGNATURE

Full name of FIRST inventor: Alexandre A. N. Baptista

Citizenship: _____ Mailing Address: 8078 Creekside Drive
Dublin, CA 94568

Residence (if different): _____

Inventor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Attorney Dkt. No. 37469-8041.US01

**PART B: SIGNATURE BY PERSON WITH SUFFICIENT PROPRIETARY INTEREST
WHERE NO INVENTOR IS AVAILABLE TO SIGN AND ON BEHALF OF THE SOLE
INVENTOR WHO REFUSES TO SIGN**

I Trisha Mount, hereby declare that I am a citizen of the United States residing at <>. I am a Vice President of Tilia International, Inc. (Tilia), and I am authorized to act on behalf of Tilia International, Inc. Tilia has sufficient proprietary interest to pursue the above-identified patent application even though the sole inventor Alexandre A. N. Baptiste refuses to sign the Inventor's Declaration.

By virtue of Tilia's sufficient proprietary interest, I sign this declaration on behalf of Alexandre A. N. Baptiste who refuses to sign. Alexandre A. N. Baptiste is a citizen of the United States having a last known address of 8078 Creekside Drive, Dublin CA 94568.

Upon information and belief, I aver those facts that the inventor is required to state, 37 CFR 1.64(b).

Accompanying this declaration are:

- 1) A Petition by Person Having Proprietary Interest to File Application on Behalf of Alexandre A. N. Baptiste Who Refuses to Sign;
- 2) A Statement of Facts by Judy Lagera Vo in Support of Filing on Behalf of Nonsigning Inventor; and
- 3) A Statement of Facts by Brian R. Coleman in Support of Filing on Behalf of Nonsigning Inventor

to establish the proof of pertinent facts, and to show that such action is necessary to preserve the rights of the parties or to prevent irreparable damage, and

the petition fee of \$130.00.

Person having

Proprietary Interest: Tilia International, Inc.

Signature: 

Typed Name: Trisha Mount

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